Revitalisation of Territorial Army

2593. *DR. SANJAYA SINH:* Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study had been undertaken by Government to examine the possibilities of revitalisation of the Territorial Army;

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof; and

(c) what followup action has been taken/proposed to be taken to revitalise the Territorial Army?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Government have not under taken any specific study in the recent past on the possibility of revitalisation of the Territorial Army.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Recruitment office at Kanpur

2594. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to set up a recruitment office at Kanpur for recruitment in defence services;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any action on these requests has since been taken; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) Government have received requests for the opening of a Recruitment Office at Kanpur. However, since the Recruiting Office at Lucknow is adequately meeting the requirements of candidates from Kanpur, it has been decided not to accede to the requests.

Security Guards in Bharat Electronics Limited, Shahibabad

2595. SHRI JAGANNATH SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Electronics Limited, Shahibabad, Uttar Pradesh conducted an interview for the post of security guards from amongst the ex-servicemen in the month of June, 1992;

(b) if so, what is the total number of vacancies and how many ex-servicemen were called for the interview;

(c) whether any panel has been formed in this regard and how many ex-servicemen have been selected for the posts of security guard, namewise; and

(d) by when the selected candidates will be offered employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 68 ex-servicemen were called for interview for filling up 21 posts of security guards in Bharat Electronics Limited, Sahibabad.

(c) and (d) A panel of ex-servicemen has been drawn up. List of 21 candidates who have been offered appointment, subject to their being found medically fit, is enclosed as statement.